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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1308

INFO AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC SF

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VISA PROBLEM

1. EXCEPT FOR RECENTLY INCREASING NUMBER APPARENT DISCRIMINATION CASES AGAINST NON-WHITE AMERICANS IN BLS COUNTRIES, SOUTH AFRICAN VISA PROBLEM HAD APPEARED ABOUT RESOLVED.

2. NOW, A NEW TREND HAS BEEN DISCERNED AND ALL RPT ALL NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS INCLUDING PCVS RECEIVING SAME LIMITED VISAS, I.E. MULTIPLE-ENTRY, ONE-YEAR VALIDITY BUT LIMITED TO 72-HOUR STAYS. UNLESS APPLICANT HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED VISA FOR USE AT PRECISE DATE AND PLACE, ABOVE TYPE VISA NOW GRANTED.

3. IN MOST RECENT CASES TWO VISAS ISSUED TO EACH APPLICANT, ONE FORMULTIPLE 72-HOUR STAYS AND ANOTHER FORFROM ONE TO THREE WEEKS STAY DEPENDING IN SOME CASES UPON APPLICANTS OWN REQUEST. OTHERS HAD NOT MADE SUCH

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REQUESTS BUT RECEIVED TWO VISAS ANYHOW.

4. INTERIOR HAS GIVEN NO RPT NO REASON OR EXPLANATION FOR THIS ACTION. HOWEVER, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IT IS REACTING TO OUR CRITICISM OF ITS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUR AMERICANS OF MINORITY GROUPS BY APPLYING NOW SAME LIMITATIONS TO ALL NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS, INCLUDING PCVS THUS WRIGGLING OUT FROM UNDER BY THIS SECOND VISA PROCEDURE FOR SELECTED APPLICANTS.

5. FOR CAPE TOWN: YOU MAY WISH DISCUSS THIS AT YOUR LEVEL.

6. FOR MASERU: FOREGOING DRAFTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT YOUR 157.
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